

Literacy Skills

Learn to write like a boss

Basics

- When we write a sentence we begin with a capital letter and we finish with a fullstop. It is surprising how many students still do not adhere to this.

Nominalization

~~Definition: Process of identifying verbs and/or conjunctions and substituting them with nouns in order to make our sentences more sophisticated.~~

Definition: The identification and subsequent substitution of verbs and/or conjunctions with nouns in order to improve the quality of sentence structure.

1. If the State Government didn't exist there wouldn't be anyone to look after the schools and people would fight and destroy property everyday.

- 1. What is topic**
 - a. State Government
- 2. What about topic**
 - a. Role in the community
- 3. Identify verbs/conjunctions**
 - a. *Fight and destroy*
- 4. Turn into nouns**
 - a. *Fights and destruction of property*
- 5. Cleaning up unsophisticated phrases** eg: what's a better way of saying
 - a. "If state government didn't exist" → "Without the State Government"
 - b. "Everyday" → "Commonly occur"

Solution: "Without the State Government fights and destruction of property would be common occurrences."

2. The local Government is important to look after rubbish, because otherwise everyone would get sick.

1. Local Government
2. Management of rubbish
3. Conjunction- "Because". Verb- "get sick"

4. Changing verbs: contract illness OR become unwell OR spread of illness.
Replace because by changing the nature of the sentence, take the value statement that because is testing, the importance, and convert the sentence into a logical statement.

Solution: "Local government's management of rubbish is important to avoid the spread of illness".

Nominalization examples

Reading the bible is important for Christians because it holds all the stories of Jesus' life.

- The bible contains stories of Jesus' life, which makes reading it an essential practice for Christians.

When Jenny died everyone around her got up, left her bedside and started crying.

- Upon Jenny's death, people surrounding her, left the room and cried.

John was happy to celebrate with his friends because he kicked the final goal, which won the football match

- John's celebration with his friends, post match, was a happy one as his goal had won the game for the team.

Take that verbs, I
just nominalised
that sentence like
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